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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with a European Search Report dated March 26, 2001 citing them.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign

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